



*July 15, 2011*

The **Franklin Fire Department** participated with seven other local fire departments to battle a blaze in Flat Creek, Bethesda. Due to the extreme heat firefighters generally only fight fire for 10 to 20 minutes before being rotated with other crews. Firefighters must be cleared by the rehabilitation sector before they can return to fighting the fire. The home owner and three others inside, including a dog got out ok. One person was transported in non critical condition. See 30 pictures from the event in a Tennessean photo gallery at the following link. **Thank you to our firefighters for their hard work.**

<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=DN&Dato=20110713&Kategori=WILLIAMSON&Lopenr=107130805&Ref=PH>

**Applications are available for the Citizens Government Academy.** Learn more about City of Franklin government procedures and decisions that directly affect you. The City of Franklin is currently accepting applications to the academy, which provides insight into local government. The next session will begin on August 25th at 6:00 PM, and run for eight (8) consecutive Thursdays. A Saturday tour of City facilities is also planned. Participants will learn about the wide variety of services provided by the City and about key areas such as planning, finance, public works, and public safety. Participants will also have the opportunity to tour key facilities, talk with City officials, and gain a new perspective on the inner-workings of their local government. Applications are available on the City's web site, [www.FranklinTN.gov](http://www.FranklinTN.gov), or at City Hall. **The Citizens Government Academy is free and available to all residents of the City of Franklin and City employees. Class size is limited. If interested, please call 615-550-6606 or e-mail [moniquem@franklintn.gov](mailto:moniquem@franklintn.gov).**

The **GIS division** is creating a **GIS Strategic Plan** and is looking for input from any City staff that would like to contribute to the direction the City's GIS. This document will lay out the future vision of the City's GIS and be a road map for GIS decisions and projects. There will be 3 to 4 discussion sessions which will be facilitated by **Carl Alexander the City's GIS Manager**. If you would like to be involved in shaping the City's GIS or have any questions please contact Carl at [carla@franklintn.gov](mailto:carla@franklintn.gov) or ext 6619.



**Clay Matthews, Kathleen Sauseda and Tom Marsh** appeared on **WAKM's Hometown Radio show at the Franklin Transit Center today.** Clay discussed silent leaks and how they can affect your water bill. Kathleen and Tom talked about the Community Development Block Grant program and how people can apply for the funding and who

qualifies. The program is taped by **Ray Foglia with Franklin TV** and will be on air sometime next week.

Next week is the last week for weighing in for the **Countdown to a New You program!** The **Human Resources Department** will have a wrap up celebration on July 28 for all participants. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female with the highest percent of weight loss. There will be other giveaways too, and a healthy lunch will be served. It will take place in the City Hall Training room at 11:30. The total lost so far is more than 350 pounds! Keep it up team, there is only one week left. This week's lifestyle challenge is; cut the salt and try a low sodium diet.



Now that everyone is losing their big bellies, the City is getting a new one! **A Big Belly Solar Powered Trash Compactor was installed in front of Starbucks this morning.** We got the first one back in October 2010 and believe it or not, it has only had to be **emptied FIVE times** since last October. These new trash cans will look cleaner and save the Solid Waste Department on staff time, emptying and cleaning the open containers. And the new Big Bellies send a computer message when they are full! This container was donated by Waste Management.

**Jonathan Marston from Engineering is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot** next week! **Paul Holzen from Engineering nominated Jonathan.** Paul said, *"Jonathan is the Project Manager for McEwen Phase III Project for the City of Franklin. He has successfully kept the project moving forward by resolving construction conflicts, utility conflicts, easement conflicts and numerous other issues associated with a large construction project. His good relationship with the contractor has helped to resolve contract disputes and avoid problems. I appreciate all his hard work to ensure a successful project."* Jonathan will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, July 18-22. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at [agoodjob@franklintn.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklintn.gov).**

**Governor Bill Haslam** and **TDOT Commissioner John Schroer** will be in Franklin next week to make a big announcement at Carnton Plantation regarding Battlefield Park. The announcement will happen at about 10am, Wednesday, July 20. Those interested, and can attend, are welcome to go to the event from 10-10:30.

Have a nice weekend everyone and thank you for all you do.

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